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Cal Poly to Host Nov. 6 Forum to Update Community on New Housing Project

Planned Grand Avenue facility would open in 2018 and house about 1,400 students

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly will hold a public forum on campus Nov. 6 to update the community and solicit input on plans to build a 1,400-bed student housing project at the university's Grand Avenue entrance.

The meeting is set for 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 220 of the University Union (Building 65) ([campus map](#)). All members of the public are invited to attend. Complimentary parking will be available, hosted by the university, on the top level of the parking structure next to the Performing Arts Center.

"We strongly believe that housing students on campus gives them additional tools and support essential for their success," said Keith Humphrey, Cal Poly's vice president for student affairs. "This planned project is an important first step in a broader university effort to bring more of our students into on-campus housing.

"We also know that we need to keep our San Luis Obispo neighbors informed and hear their input on the impacts our plans may have. We hope to hear from many members of the community at this meeting."

The new facility is planned on what is now a large surface parking lot across Grand Avenue from existing student housing.

Cal Poly announced recently that it plans to have a full environmental impact report (EIR) prepared on the project, to determine how it will affect not only the campus but also the adjacent neighborhoods. As described by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an EIR fully examines the environmental impacts of a proposed construction project and presents options for minimizing or eliminating those impacts.

The EIR process will provide an avenue for community review and comment on the potential environmental impacts of the proposed housing project.

Cal Poly currently has about 7,200 beds on campus. A recent market study showed student demand for about 10,300 beds, at the campus's current enrollment of roughly 19,600.

The project will need the approval of the California State University system's board of trustees before the start of construction, which is tentatively set for 2015.

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